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×	W <sup>m</sup> Greenhow	1	1	
×	John Swinburn	1	1	
×	John Pingney	0	10	6
×	William Bowe Junior	0	10	6

## FUNERAL EXPENSES IN ENGLAND A CENTURY AGO

The following document, also from the Bowe papers, presents an interesting side light on funeral customs a hundred years ago. The information about prices of various commodities is also of considerable interest. It is noteworthy that the smallest item in each list is the payment to the parson. The document is here published primarily to illustrate the fact that so apparently worthless a paper as an old statement of accounts may become with the lapse of time a valuable source for social and economic history.

## Money laid out By John Bowe for the Funeral of John Dryden

		£	S	D
	A Coffin Plaite	0	5	0
	Shroude	0	8	6
	Makeing Shroude	0	2	6
	Half a pound of Tobacco and pipes	0	2	10
	20¼ pounds of Chease at 8 pence a pound	0	13	6
	4 pounds of White Suggar	0	5	4
	half a stone of Brown suggar at 9 D	0	5	3
	A Quarter of a Stone of sugar at 10 D	0	2	10
	Thre pounds of Candels	0	2	7
	peper	0	0	4
	A Stone of Barley	0	4	0
	half a pound of Black tea	0	4	0
	half a pound of Green tea	0	6	0
	A Gallon of Rum	0	16	0
	A Gallon of Gin	0	14	0
	A Quarter Cask of Ale	0	17	6
	Parson one Shilling and Clark	0	5	0
	Bread	1	7	0

	£	S	D
Coffin	1	2	0
A Quarter Cask of Ale for the sale	0	13	0
A Quarter of a stone of sugar	0	2	7
Nutmeg and paper		1	4
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December 13, 1816

Money laid out by John Bowe for the Funeral of Sarah Dryden

	£	S	D
A Coffin	1	2	0
Coffin Plaite	0	4	3
Shroude	0	8	4
Makeing Shroude	0	2	6
Bread	1	0	0
A Quarter Cask of Ale	0	12	6
A Gallon of Rum	0	16	0
A Gallon of Gin	0	14	0
Sixteen pounds of Chease at 8 D per pound	0	10	8
Eight pounds of Butter at 9½ D	0	6	4
Paid John Fisher Grosser for sugar			
Candels Tobacco &	0	18	8
Tea	0	4	9
A Stone of Barley	0	4	0
Parson	0	1	0
Clark	0	4	0
A Quarten of More Tea	0	2	0
A Stone of Flower		6	4
Bread		3	0
A pound Butter	0	10	
Ten Pounds of butter at 10½	8	9	
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